

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF TRAINED MIDWIVES/ NURSES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of trained midwives nurses available in various States varies from State to State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken or propose to be taken by the Government to ensure the uniform availability of trained midwives/nurses in all the States;
- (d) whether the United Nations has fixed any criteria with regard to the health safety;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the aforesaid criteria is being followed in the country;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) 5.06 lakhs Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) and 8.65 lakhs General Nurses and Midwives have been registered with various State Nursing Councils up to 31st March, 2004. State-wise information is at Annexure-I. A sum of Rs.82 Crores has been allocated during the Xth Plan period under the Development of Nursing Services. The following activities have been undertaken during the X Plan period:

Opening of College of Nursing at JIPMER Pondicherry.

Upgrading the School of Nursing into College of Nursing attached to Dr. RML Hospital, Safdarjang Hospital and LHMC & Associated Hospital.

Strengthening of RAK College of Nursing as a 'Centre of Excellence'.

One time financial assistance to the State Governments for upgrading the School of Nursing into College of Nursing attached to Medical Colleges.

Contractual Appointment of additional ANMs and staff nurses under the Reproductive & Child Health (RCH-II) Programme.

(d) to (g) Promotion of health safety is one of the priority areas of WHO for which various guidelines have been published by WHO including Safe Injection Practices, Safe Waste Management and Hand Hygiene in Health Care. Guidelines for various health safety measures are being followed in the country.

(h) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE-1

Total no. of nurses registered in different State Nursing Councils as on 31st March 2004

S.No	States and Union Territory	Registered nurses in respective State Nursing Registered Council	
		A.N.M.	G.N.M
1.	Andhra Pradesh	94395	84306
2.	Assam	12589	10321
3.	Bihar	7501	8883
4.	Chattisgarh	93	179
5.	Delhi	355	2594
6.	Gujarat	35840	85796

7	Haryana	13112	15821
8.	Himachal Pradesh	9087	7920
9.	Jharkhand	15	10
10.	Karnataka	47407	54762
11.	Kerala	27612	71589
12.	Mahakoshal	25344	92331
13.	Maharashtra	25690	81983
14.	Mizoram	1441	1301
15.	Orissa	30213	46090
16.	Punjab	17389	43470
17.	Rajasthan	22239	35482
18.	Tamil Nadu	52819	159525
19.	Tripura	969	641
20.	UP & Uttaranchal	26956	17479
21.	West Bengal	55858	44652
22.	Chandigarh		
Total		506924	865135

ANM: Auxiliary Nurse Medwives GNM General Nursing and Midwives